

Summer 2012 Ranger Program Schedule

May 26 – September 3

A = Accessible Program | Pets are not allowed on guided programs.
Programs may be cancelled in the event of lightning or other extreme conditions.

North District – (Dickey Ridge, Elkwallow, Mathews Arm)	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Terrace Talk – Spend 10 minutes learning about a special feature of Shenandoah National Park. Daily in the morning. <i>Dickey Ridge Visitor Center (mile 4.6)</i>	Check at the Information Desk for talk schedule						
Discover Fox Hollow – Discover the plants, animals, and people of the Fox Family Homestead that make Shenandoah a special place. 2 hours. <i>Meet at Dickey Ridge Visitor Center East Terrace. (mile 4.6)</i>		10:30 a.m.			1:30 p.m.		
Wild About Bears – Learn about Shenandoah's largest mammal during this 20-minute talk. <i>Dickey Ridge Visitor Center (mile 4.6)</i> <i>Elkwallow Wayside (mile 24.1)</i>	Elkwallow 2:30 p.m.		DRVC 2:30 p.m.	DRVC 2:30 p.m.		Elkwallow 1:00 p.m. & DRVC 2:30 p.m.	DRVC 2:30 p.m. & Elkwallow 4:00 p.m.
Mount Marshall Hike – Hike along the historic Appalachian Trail to a spectacular view of the Shenandoah Valley from the summit of Mount Marshall. Wear sturdy shoes and bring water. 1.5 miles. 2 hours. <i>Meet at the parking area at Mile Post 15.9 on the east side of Skyline Drive.</i>	2:30 p.m.			2:30 p.m.			
CCC – Celebrate the legacy of the Civilian Conservation Corps at <i>Camp Redbird</i> NP-12, one of the original CCC camps in Shenandoah National Park. 30 minutes. <i>Meet at Piney River Trailhead (mile 22.1)</i>		3:30 p.m.					2:30 p.m.
Ranger Insights – Now that you have arrived you may wish to know what activities there are at Mathews Arm Campground. Join a ranger for this 20-minute overview. <i>Meet at MACG Amphitheater Parking Area (mile 22.2).</i>			7:00 p.m.				
Evening Walk – Explore the forest as day turns into night. 1.5 miles. 1.5 hours. <i>Meet at Mathews Arm Campground Amphitheater Parking Area (mile 22.2)</i>							7:00 p.m.

Skyland Area – mile 41.7 and 42.5		SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Stony Man Hike – From a historic copper mine to a home for some of Virginia's rarest and most vulnerable animal and plant species Stony Man has many stories to tell. 1.6 miles. 2 hours. <i>Meet at Stony Man Trailhead (mile 41.7, the north entrance to Skyland Resort).</i>		10:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
Discovery Walk – Discover the plants and animals that make Shenandoah a special place. 1 hour. <i>Meet at Skyland Amphitheater.</i>			11:00 a.m.		11:00 a.m.		11:00 a.m.	
Ancient Volcano Hike –From the volcanoes of the ancient past to the dramatic landscape of today, the rocks of Shenandoah National Park preserve the story of an ever-changing earth and provide habitat for many different life forms. 2 miles. 2 hours. <i>Meet at Timber Hollow Overlook (mile 43.3).</i>		2:00 p.m.		2:00 p.m.		2:00 p.m.		2:00 p.m.
Junior Ranger Program – Investigate the mysteries of Shenandoah through fun and educational activities. Ages 7-12. Adult must accompany child. 1.5 hours. <i>Meet at Skyland Conference Hall (lower road).</i>			2:00 p.m.		2:00 p.m.		2:00 p.m.	
Story of the Limberlost – Stories of change, loss, and hope are found in this dramatic forest. 1.2 miles. 1.5 hours. <i>Meet at the Limberlost Trailhead (milepost 43).</i>	A	3:00 p.m.		3:00 p.m.		3:00 p.m.		3:00 p.m.
Bear Necessities - Black bears thrive in Shenandoah National Park because of the large areas of contiguous, high quality, forest habitat. Discover additional necessities bears need and the role you play in their survival during this 20-minute talk. <i>Skyland Dining Hall Terrace.</i>	A	4:00 p.m.		4:00 p.m.		4:00 p.m.		4:00 p.m.
Where the Wild Things Are – Celebrate the wild things of Shenandoah during this 20-minute talk. <i>Skyland Dining Hall Terrace.</i>			4:00 p.m.		4:00 p.m.		4:00 p.m.	
Massanutten Lodge – Experience the stories of early Skyland Resort as you tour the restored bungalow of Addie Pollock. 1 hour. <i>Meet at Skyland Conference Hall (lower road).</i>	A		4:00 p.m.		4:00 p.m.		4:00 p.m.	
Campfire Program – Join a Ranger for this National Park Service tradition. Dress for cool mountain nights. 45 minutes. <i>Skyland Amphitheater.</i>	A	8:30 p.m.		8:30 p.m.		8:30 p.m.		8:30 p.m.

Big Meadows Area – milepost 51		SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Birds of Prey – Meet live raptors and learn about their vital role in the ecosystem. 1 hour. <i>Big Meadows Amphitheater, in picnic area.</i>	A	10:00 a.m.		10:00 a.m.		10:00 a.m.		10:00 a.m.
Discovery Walk – Discover the plants and animals that make Shenandoah a special place. 1 hour. <i>Meet at Byrd Visitor Center.</i>			10:00 a.m.		10:00 a.m.		10:00 a.m.	
Appalachian Trail Hike – Experience the legendary mountain trail on a gentle hike. Wear sturdy shoes and bring water. 2.1 miles. 2 hours. <i>Meet at Milam Gap Parking Area (mile 52.8).</i>		10:00 a.m.		10:00 a.m.		10:00 a.m.		10:00 a.m.
Along the Mill Prong – This moderate hike wanders through a young forest that was once orchards and fields to end at a lovely stream. Discover the role Shenandoah plays in protecting the surrounding communities' most precious resource – water. 1.4 miles. 2 hours. <i>Meet at Milam Gap Parking Area (mile 52.8).</i>			10:00 a.m.		10:00 a.m.		10:00 a.m.	
Where the Wild Things Are – Celebrate the wild things of Shenandoah during this 20-minute talk. <i>Byrd Visitor Center.</i>	A	11:30 a.m.		11:30 a.m.		11:30 a.m.		11:30 a.m.
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Historic Rapidan Camp – Travel by bus 30-minutes to President Hoover's summer retreat. Visit the refurbished President's cabin. 3 hours. 12-person limit. <i>Reserve by phone (540-999-3500, ext. 3283) or in person at Byrd Visitor Center. Meet at Byrd Visitor Center.</i>	A	1:30 p.m.	1:30 p.m.	1:30 p.m.			1:30 p.m.	1:30 p.m.
Meadow Walk – Discover the wonders of a rare high elevation wetland meadow on a gentle walk. 1 mile. 1.5 hours. <i>Meet at Byrd Visitor Center.</i>			2:00 p.m.		2:00 p.m.		2:00 p.m.	
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Evening Hike – Investigate the meadow as day turns into night. 1 hour. <i>Meet at Byrd Visitor Center.</i>				7:30 p.m.			7:30 p.m.	
Campfire Program – Join a Ranger for this National Park Service tradition. Dress for cool mountain nights. 45 minutes. <i>Big Meadows Amphitheater, in picnic area.</i>	A	8:30 p.m.	8:30 p.m.		8:30 p.m.	8:30 p.m.		8:30 p.m.

Loft Mountain – mile 79.5		SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Along the Frazier Discovery Trail – Hike to the summit of Loft Mountain for a stunning view during this 2-hour circuit hike. 1.3 miles. <i>Meet at Loft Mountain Wayside (mile 79.5).</i>	X X X		10:00 a.m.				10:00 a.m.	
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Where the Wild Things Are – Celebrate the wild things of Shenandoah during this 20-minute talk. <i>Loft Mountain Wayside (mile 79.5).</i>	A		1:30 p.m.			4:00 p.m.		
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An Ocean View – Join a ranger for a short hike to Blackrock summit and to learn about this areas unique geology. 1.5 hours. 1 mile. <i>Meet at Blackrock Summit Parking Area (mile 84.8).</i>				4:00 p.m.	10:00 a.m.			4:00
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Evening Hike – Investigate a mountain forest as day changes into night. 2 hours. <i>Meet at Loft Mountain Campstore.</i>		7:00 p.m				7:00 p.m		
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